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SUBJ: LOS - GROUP OF FIVE HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING

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1. UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH LOS OFFICE GAVE US  
FOLLOWING VIEWS ON PROPOSED MEETINGS AND AGENDA REFTEL:

HEAD OF UK LOS TEAM, SIR ROGER JACKLING CANNOT  
ATTEND MEETINE NOVEMBER 25; DUDGEON'S REPLACEMENT  
(GUINNESS) MAY ALSO NOT BE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION,  
LANCHIN OF DEPT. OF TRADE NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE NOV. 28.  
THE UK FINDS THE PROPOSED AGENDA A VERY LONG ONE IN VIEW  
OF TIME AVAILABLE AND EXPERIENCE IN TIME NEEDED TO CON-  
SIDER SUCH ISSUES AT PAST GROUP OF FIVE MEETINGS.

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2. THE UK CONSIDERS IT MORE PRACTICABLE TO CONCENTRATE

IN HEADS OF DELS MEETING ON POLLUTION ISSUES AND OTHERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT EVENSEN MEETING AS SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY (LONDON 16698). MEETINGS ON OTHER EVENSEN ITEMS SUCH AS CONTINENTAL SHELF COULD THEN BE DISCUSSED DURING EVENINGS IN COURSE OF EVENSEN MEETING. FINALLY, COMMITTEE II ISSUES, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, CONFERENCE PROCEDURES AND TIMING AND DEEP SEABED COULD MOST USEFULLY BE COVERED BY GROUP OF FIVE AFTER THE EVENSEN MEETING IN LIEHT OF RESULTS OF EVENSEN MEETING. IN THIS REGARD, SIR RMGER'S OFFICE POINTS OUT THAT THE UK WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN DISCUSSING DEEP SEABED AT TIME PROPOSED SINCE THE ENGO MEETINGS IN NEW YORK ON THIS SUBJECT WILL JUST HAVE FINISHED AND UK WILL NEED TIME TO ASSESS RESULTS OF THMSE DISCUSSIONS. ON CONFERENCE PROCEDURES AND TIMING, UK CONSIDERS THIS CAN USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED ONLY AFTER OUTCOME OF EVENSEN MEETINGS. IN SUMMARY THEN, UK SUGGESTS NOV. 28-29 HEADS OF DELS MEETING AS NOTED ABOVE; EVENING MEETINGS DURING EVENSEN GROUP MEETINGS AND FURTHER GROUP OF FIVE DISCUSSIONS ON ITEMS NOTED ABOVE FOLLOWING EVENSEN MEETING.

3# COMMENT: IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SIR ROGER AND LANCHIN IN PAST FEW DAYS, IT CLEAR UK WOULD HAVE REAL DIFFICULTY IN ADHERING TO NOV. 25-28 TIMETABLE AND AGENDA PROPOSED REFTEL FOR GRMUP OF FIVE MEETINGS. SINCE TOP UK LOS TEAM MEMBERS WILL NOT, IN ANY CASEWN BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP OF FIVE DISCUSSIONS BEFORE NOV. 28, DEPT. MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER SCHEDULE AND AGENDA PROPOSED REFTEL IF THIS PRACTICABLE.

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